

Representative Diane Pauer, Chairman  
N.H. House of Representatives Municipal and County Government Committee  
Room 154, Granite Place  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chairman Diane Pauer and Committee Members,

I represent the Lyme Pinnacle Snowmobile Club. We have landowner permission to use 75 miles of interconnecting trails in the towns of Hanover, Canaan, Orford, Dorchester, and Wentworth. The club has been active for 55 years. Most all of our landowners are enrolled in the current use program. Although the Current Use regulations don't provide any benefit to the landowners by granting snowmobiles access to their land, they do so anyways providing a economic impact of nearly \$1B to the State of NH.

I am here today to ask you to "vote no" to HB 1691. This bill will devastate snowmobiling in NH as most landowners that are eliminated from the program will be forced to sell their land to developers. Present day snowmobile trails are interconnected providing over 7000 miles of trails. A loss of just one landowner on our system resulted in a loss of 14 miles of trail.

HB 1691 tries to rewrite all the rules of the present Current Use program without any stated advantages. It uses vague terms without clear definitions such as rural, semirural, rural area, contiguous, agricultural activity, intensive agriculture, limited commercial, mixed commercial, intensive agriculture.... Quite a mess.

I encourage you all to "Vote No on House Bill 1691".

Thank you  
Kenneth Milkie  
President Lyme Pinnacle Snowmobile Club Inc.